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TWENTY-THIRD YEAR

## AN OLD FAVORITE

COLUMBUS

By Lydia Huntley Sigourney



LYDIA HUNTLEY SIGOURNEY, poet, author, philanthropist and early advocate of higher education for women, was born at Norwich, Conn., Sept. 1, 1791, and died at Hartford, Conn., June 10, 1865. She was highly educated and taught school for several years, establishing in 1811 a famous school for young women at Hartford. One of the streets of the Connecticut capital is named for her. Among Mrs. Sigourney's fifty-three volumes of prose and verse are "Moral Pieces in Prose and Verse," "Traits of the Aborigines," "The Man of 12 and Other Poems" and "The Daily Counsellor."

**S**T. STEPHEN'S cloistered hall was proud  
In learning's pomp, that day.  
For there a robed and stately crowd  
Pressed on in long array.  
A summer with ample chart  
Confronts that conclave high.  
Who strong ambition stirs his heart,  
And burning thoughts of wonder part  
From lip and sparkling eye.

What th he said? With frowning face,  
Whispered tones they speak,  
Lines upon their tablets trace  
Which flush each ashen cheek;  
The lightning's mystic doom  
Sits on their brows severe,  
And bursting forth in visioned gloom,  
Sally forth from burning tomb  
Ghosts on the startled ear.

Oh, thou Genoese! Old Time  
Thy splendid dream shall crown,  
Yon Western Hemisphere sublime,  
Where unborn forests grow,  
The awful Andes' cloud-wrapt brow,  
The Indian hunter's bow,  
Bold straits untamed by helm or prow,  
And rocks of gold and diamonds, thou  
To thankless Spain shalt show.

Courage, World-finder! Thou hast need!  
In Fate's unfolding scroll,  
Dark woes, and ingratitude I read,  
That rack the noble soul.  
O, on! Creation's secrets probe,  
Then drink thy cup of scorn,  
And wrapped in fallen Caesar's robe,  
Sleep like that master of the globe,  
All glorious,—yet forlorn.

## DAY'S DISASTERS

ANOTHER WRECK ON THE PENN.  
SYLVANIA KILLS THREE AND  
AND INJURES FOURTEEN.

## MARSHALLTOWN GAS WORKS

Demolished by Explosion and Two  
Men Killed—Deaths by Burning  
and Freezing.

Ada, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Three dead, fourteen or more injured, one fatally, is the result of a collision between trains on the Pennsylvania on the main street this city this evening. The dead: JOSEPH STEIN, Fort Wayne, Ind. ALONZO HARLEY, Van Wert, Ohio. The fatally injured: J. J. Casey, Toledo. The west bound train stopped just after leaving the station on account of an accident to the air brakes, and the fast train going in the same direction failed to respond to the signal to stop and crashed into the first train, telescoping two rear cars. The killed and injured were all in these two cars.

**Killed By Gas Explosion.**  
Marshalltown, Ia., Jan. 8.—John Matthews and Charles Bradford, carpenters, were killed today in an explosion at a gas plant at Mapleton, Monona county. The explosion wrecked the plant, and broke nearly every pane of glass in the town and damaged surrounding buildings.

**Burned to Death.**  
Cherokee, Ia., Jan. 8.—John Miller, a leading merchant of Larrabee, burned to death last night, the flames communicating to his night clothes from a kerosene lamp.

**Found Frozen.**  
Madella, Minn., Jan. 8.—Arthur Crandall, aged 19, was found frozen to death in a straw pile today. Returning from the neighbors the night of the blizzard, he lost his way and after wandering four miles in the wrong direction, lay down and was frozen to death.

**Crushed Under Barn.**  
Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 8.—Ed Stewart and Dan Bronson lost their lives in the storm near Arlington, S. D., being crushed under the ruins of a barn. Over 100 head of stock were also killed.

## YIELD TO SUPERIOR FORCE

Venezuela Cabinet Holds Stormy Session and Grants Demands of Powers.

## BOWEN COMING WITH ANSWER.

Caracas, Jan. 8.—After two stormy meetings of the cabinet, all conditions set forth in the replies to the powers to Castro's last proposals have been accepted by Venezuela. The government considers these conditions unjust but declares it is obliged to yield to force. The Venezuelan answer was delivered at the United States legation here at noon today.

The conditions of the powers cover cash payments to the allies and guarantees for the payment of a balance of their claims. It can be said on good authority that the question of raising the existing blockade will not be considered.

Caracas, January 8.—Venezuela—it is learned from an authoritative source that Minister Bowen has received orders to leave Venezuela next Saturday for Washington where he will present the Venezuelan case to the British-German commission. An American warship will call for Bowen at La Guaira.

The foreign office here is working day and night in preparation of documents in order that the Venezuelan case may be ready for presentation.

## ILLINOIS COAL COMBINE

Is Being Engineered by Party of New York Capitalists.

Springfield, Jan. 8.—A deal is being engineered by a New York syndicate for the consolidation of several mining companies of this district. It is said the transfer will be made in New York shortly. It is also said options have been secured on six other mines in the Springfield sub-district, and that it is the intention of the Crescent company to secure all mines between Bloomington and Carlinville.

**Havana Is Hopeful.**  
Havana, Jan. 8.—It is believed the commission on foreign affairs will undoubtedly report in favor of accepting the treaty with the United States and that it will be approved by both houses.

**Plague Is Spreading.**  
Mexico, City, Mex., Jan. 8.—It is denied here that the plague has appeared at Acapulco or other ports than Mazatlan.

## WILL ACCEPT 20 PER CENT

Growers Think that Preferable to the Continued Uncertainty and Prospects of Further Cuts.

## AN ARGUMENT BY CAREY.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Francis K. Carey, president of the National Beet Sugar company, who resides in Baltimore, Md., but whose place of business is located in Sugar City, Colo., made an argument before the senate committee on foreign relations today, for an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity treaty that would afford a guarantee against any further reduction on Cuban sugar for the next five years. He said he was satisfied he represented the sentiment of all the beet sugar men except those in Michigan. They were willing to accept the 20 per cent reduction provided by the pending treaty if they could be assured that there would be no further cut for a term of years. He therefore, urged an amendment making the terms of treaty good for not less than five years and protecting the sugar industry against a reduction under the preferential clause of the treaty, he inserted. With this guarantee he said, the beet sugar men would be willing the treaty be ratified. What they wanted more than anything else, he said, was settled conditions and he believed a reduction of 20 per cent would be preferable to the present uncertainty. Now he added, they are not able to raise money to improve their enterprises but he thought that with assured protection for five years they could take care of themselves.

Senator Elkins, who was one of the leaders of the opposition to the Cuban treaty last session, says he will heartily support the pending Cuban treaty. The West Virginia senator says all such arrangements of a commercial character should be made by a treaty instead of by a bill as was proposed.

## WITHDRAW ALL OPPOSITION

Beet Sugar Association Willing that the Cuban Treaty Should be Approved.

## TIRED OF THE UNCERTAINTY.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The American Beet Sugar Association held its annual session here today and passed resolutions withdrawing opposition to the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty by recommending the treaty be so amended as to express in precise language what it is intended to be secured by it to the beet sugar manufacturers of the United States, viz:—That during a period of five years covered by treaty no sugar exported from Cuba shall be admitted to the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20 per cent of the rates of duty therein as provided by the tariff act of July 24, 1897. The association also adopted resolutions protesting against unnecessary stimulation of the sugar and tobacco industries of the Philippines Islands by means of a further tariff reduction, thus as the resolution stated, encouraging the people of those Islands where labor is but a few cents a day to produce those things which this country can produce, rather than such commodities as we are unable to produce.

The action of the association is not unanimous, the vote on passage of resolutions standing 3 to 2, although Henry T. Oxnard, president of the association, said he had enough promise with him to make the vote 12 to 3. The opponents of the resolution claim there are thirty or more factories in the association and that the representation at meeting does not comprise half of the factories in the association.

## IS COLD BLOODED.

Ryan Says the Miners Don't Care How High the Price of Coal Goes.

Springfield, Jan. 8.—In a discussion of the coal famine existing in the northern part of the state, Secretary Ryan said: This coal situation is a cold blooded proposition with us. We are not caring how high the price of coal advances. It is all the better for the miners for in accordance with the price secured they will ask for an advance in wages by the operators for coal. The operators are obtaining fabulous prices for coal and it is no more than right that the miners should share the profits.

## MITCHELL GETS IN.

Pierre, S. D. Jan. 8.—The caucus on capital resubmission, to select a candidate in the contest against Pierre, resulted: Mitchell, 81; Huron, 19; Redfield, 7. Mitchell claims a clear majority in both branches for resubmission. There is great rejoicing there.

## SENATE COMMITTEE HEARS.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate committee on the District of Columbia investigation of the coal question heard several dealers today. Statements as to prices and supplies were conflicting. The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

## QUITS HIS POST

VON HOLEBEN RETIRES INDEFINITELY, ILL HEALTH BEING GIVEN AS THE CAUSE.

## BERLIN IS INCREDULOUS

Suggestion is Made of Displeasure at His Non-Success in Venezuelan Matter.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Herr Von Hohenhausen, German ambassador, left here for New York today to consult specialists. He has been a sick man some time and his indisposition has been aggravated by a spell of inclement weather. He expects his physician will advise prolonged rest at some health resort in southern Europe and therefore has arranged to sail Saturday. At the ambassador's request he has been granted a prolonged leave of absence in the hope that he may be restored to health.

Count A. Von Quadt-Wykradt-Isny, counselor of the embassy and first secretary, is now charge d'affaires, having been instructed by the foreign office to take charge upon the ambassador's departure. The count was in charge of affairs at the embassy during the early part of the Venezuelan negotiations, when the ambassador was sick and he is therefore familiar with every phase of that question. His relations at the state department are most cordial, and the officials regard him as a diplomat of exceptional ability. His conduct of the Venezuelan negotiations has been most acceptable to the Washington government and should the preliminary conference looking to a reference of the dispute to The Hague succeed, Quadt, as charge, would act as Germany's representative.

No official or private advices have been received at the state department or German embassy relative to the appointment of the charge in event Von Hohenhausen's recovery is not rapid. Such action is likely, however, and if Von Hohenhausen does not expect to return, in view of the president's friendship for Herr Speck von Sternberg, his appointment as ambassador is quite probable.

**Berlin Incrduulous.**  
Berlin, Jan. 8.—The suggestion that Dr. Von Hohenhausen's indefinite leave of absence from Washington is caused by illness is received here with some incredulity. Most of the newspapers print without comment a brief despatch from Washington announcing the ambassador's illness and saying he was going to New York for treatment by specialists; but the Lokal Anzeiger says it has good reason to believe that Von Hohenhausen will not return to his post and in seeking for an explanation asserts that the government is displeased at Von Hohenhausen's non-success in persuading President Roosevelt to accept the proposition to arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute.

Baron Speck von Sternberg's work on the Samoan commission is still remembered by the government here as marking him for promotion.

## THE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN

On the C. &amp; A. Vote to Go On Strike to Enforce Demand for an Increase.

## THE ORDER MAY COME TODAY.

Chicago, January 8.—The Locomotive engineers and firemen of the Chicago & Alton have decided to strike to enforce their demands for an increase of wages. The decision was reached by a referendum vote. Word was received from Bloomington tonight that the vote was almost unanimous for a strike. John J. Hanrahan, grand master of the Brotherhood, went to Bloomington tonight and it is said he will issue a strike order unless the railroad officials agree to the demands of the men.

## MEANS TWO MILLIONS.

Increase to Grant Miners Advance of 10 Per Cent.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—Reports from the Indiana and Illinois bituminous and block coal mining districts indicate the miners will ask at least 10 per cent in wages at the annual conference which will be held here this month. If the demand is granted it would mean two million dollars advance in the wages of the bituminous miners of this country.

## EX-GOVERNOR STONE

Nominated by Missouri Democrats to Succeed Vest.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 8.—The democrats of the Missouri legislature in joint caucus tonight nominated former Governor Stone for United States senator to succeed Vest. The nomination was by acclamation.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 8.—W. B. Heyburn was tonight nominated by joint republican caucus for senator.

## ODD BANQUET IN BERLIN

Six Hundred Persons Partake of a Horse Meat Bill of Fare.

## AND SAY THAT IT IS GOOD.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Six hundred people sat down tonight to the most remarkable banquet ever given in Berlin. The dishes consisted entirely of horse meat and were served in various forms. The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals issued invitations to the dinner which was given for the purpose of demonstrating the nourishing and palatable qualities of horse meat, thereby causing increased consumption and a ready market for old horses. This would prevent the owners from working animals to death, as well fed specimens would bring good prices.

The bill of fare consisted of horse soup, pickled horse tongue, fillet of horse and roast horse. The dishes were nicely prepared and greatly relished. The president of the society, Privy Councillor Von Zofeld said that 20,000 horses had been eaten in Berlin last year and he hoped for a large increase in the future. Many prominent members of the reichstag and city council were present.

## THE LITTLEFIELD BILL.

To Expedite Action Under Sherman Act To Be Pushed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—A sub-committee of the house judiciary committee, of which Mr. Littlefield is chairman, and which is preparing an anti-trust bill, agreed today to make a favorable report to the full committee tomorrow on the bill introduced by Mr. Littlefield, in accordance with the suggestion of Attorney General Knox, to expedite the hearing and determination of suits in equity or hereafter brought under the Sherman anti-trust law. This will be urged as an independent measure.

The sub-committee made considerable progress today but will not be able to report the anti-trust measure to the full committee until Monday, as there is considerable work yet to be done in completing the rough draft of the bill on which they now are at work.

## DO NOTHING AND ADJOURN.

Legislators Will Rest Up Until Next Tuesday.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.—The senate was in session only a few minutes today. A message from Governor Yates showed that of the total \$45,597 at his disposal, he had expended \$35,955. Two bills were introduced—One authorizing the annexation of certain territory to the sanitary district and one affecting the revenue laws of Cook county.

Both houses in joint session canvassed the vote of the recent election and declared no result.

In the house a resolution was adopted eulogizing the late Governor Altgeld.

The republican caucus to nominate a candidate for senator will meet January 14.

## A TEMPORARY JOB.

Provided for a Seventh Day Adventist in Postoffice Department.

Washington, Jan. 8.—W. J. Lewis, whose appointment to the postal service has been deferred because of his Seventh day Adventist objection to working on Saturday's, has received a temporary appointment in the post-office department. The issue will be adjusted in some way that will comply with the law and not enforce undue hardship to the appointee in connection with his religious principles.

## URGE SPEEDY ACTION.

House Committee Wants the Currency Bill Presented.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The house committee on banking and currency today authorized Chairman Fowler to press for an opportunity to bring before the house the currency bill introduced by him in accordance with the views of republican members of the committee. The minority was given five days within which to present their report on the bill.

## Dubuque Diocese too Large.

Rome, Jan. 8.—The congregation of the Propaganda is studying the new division of the arch diocese of Dubuque, making it into three dioceses. It was made into two, by creating the Sioux City diocese, since the administration of Archbishop Kane, but it is considered still to be too large.

## Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Illinois—Joseph H. Coffman, Augusta; Silas D. Patton, El Paso; William L. Larash of Rushville; Henry M. Peoples of Shawneetown; C. B. Crawford, of Genoa; Abraham L. Coyle of Gridley.

## Emperor Going to Rome.

Rome, Jan. 8.—It is announced here Emperor William will reach Rome April 26, on a visit to the Italian court. The czar of Russia will visit the court May 11.

Rural free delivery is putting The Daily Decatur Herald into the homes of thousands of farmers. It gives all the news while it is news.

## MITCHELL QUICK

TO RESENT WHAT HE CONSIDERED A REFLECTION ON MINERS BY CHAIRMAN GRAY.

## WHO WANTS ORGANIZATION

Raised Out of the Mine Into the Sunlight of Free Government.—The Inquiry.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The principal feature of the proceeding before the strike commission today, was the exception taken by President Mitchell to the remark by Chairman Gray that he would like to see the miners' union come up out of the mine that is around the baser parts of it into the sunlight. The miners' president said the union should not be indicted unless connection could be shown between it and acts of lawlessness. Mr. Gray replied he did not wish to indict the organization, but hoped it would disentangle itself entirely from violence and lawlessness committed during the strike. The incident came suddenly while a witness was on the stand, and caused quite a stir among the lawyers on both sides. Outside of this the entire day was taken up in the hearing of stories of non-union men or their relatives of alleged persecutions during the strike.

The Mitchell incident was brought about during the examination of a witness who testified as to the efforts of union men to prevent lawlessness. The question was asked whether the union had expelled the members convicted of lawlessness. Chairman Gray asked if the union waited for a conviction by the civil authorities before disciplining a member, and explaining the reason for the question, he said: "I ask you as a member of the order and as a man who would be glad to see your order come up out of the mine and the clouds that are around the baser parts of it, into the sunlight, and into the air of free government and a free country."

Then followed a discussion of the Shinnadoah riot, where a man was killed and of disciplining union men guilty of lawbreaking.

President Mitchell did not think the union should be indicted until some connection was shown between the union and the acts of lawlessness.

Chairman Gray said he did not wish Mitchell to understand anything he said indicted the organization. "We are not saying the organization is responsible for every act of violence. We only wanted to see whether the organization has interested itself in maintaining order which you have advised, and whether it has disciplined those who actually were convicted of disorder."

President Mitchell did not believe the union had any right to expel a member before a conviction thus prejudging the case before the trial court. Mr. Gray said Mitchell's point was well taken. The incident closed.

Later President Mitchell on the witness stand said the union spent \$400,000 supporting the non-union men who went on strike.

Lawyers for the miners called attention to the fact that the operators told President Roosevelt that 21 murders were committed during the strike, and they wanted the operators to prove the assertion. Mr. Gray said the commission also wanted them to prove the statement.

**Want More Reciprocity Treaties.**  
Omaha, Jan. 8.—Iowa and Nebraska Implement Dealers Association today adopted a resolution urging on congress the necessity of taking action that will prevent a continuance of unfriendly legislation by foreign countries aimed at American trade and products and recommending an extension of reciprocity trade agreements.

## Last of Durbar.

Delhi, India, Jan. 8.—A review today of 30,000 British and native troops led by Lord Kitchener, was the last important event of the coronation Durbar.

## Earthquake Shocks.

Chilpancingo, Mexico, Jan. 8.—Several earthquake shocks were felt in vicinity at Tapachula. No damage, but the people were panic stricken.

## The Ice Regatta.

Kalamazoo, Jan. 8.—Seven states and Canada are represented in forty entries for the ice regatta at Gull Lake, January 20.

## Weather Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Illinois—Fair in the north, snow in the south portion Friday; rising temperature; Saturday fair; fresh west to northwest winds.

## Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Conradt, government observer:

7 a. m. .... 6 Highest ..... 22  
7 p. m. .... 13 Lowest ..... 9



# LOCAL AND OTHER GOOD STORIES.

Just then the bird came out and said: "Cuckoo! Cuckoo!"

Three wretches of men met at club the other night and were discussing modern improvements and the Quickest Way of Communication is a Simple One.

of course they had to take a slam at the poor women, three of whom were then patiently waiting at home wondering if "hubby" would ever come.

"What are the three quickest modes of communication?" queried one.

"Telegraph, telephone, and cable gram."

"No, wrong in the last one."

"Well, what are they?"

"Telegraph, telephone and—telephone!"

There was a new baby in the family and one of the eight-year-old nephews was discussing with his fond parent the subject of babies.

**Little Folks Discuss the Baby Question.**

and after asking a few hundred questions about babies in general and one in particular, said, "I expect babies cost a good many dollars, you don't care, do you, Uncle Bill?"

The remark of that youngster was the same strain of the little miss was discussing the subject of babies with her mother and ventured question: assertion: "Babies cost lots of money, don't they, mama?"

after a moment's pause following mother's affirmative answer, she said: "Why is it, then, mama, that the people have the most?"

The recent civil service examination brings to mind an amusing story which was told in connection with one of the earliest examinations for policemen.

The question asked by the examiner was: "How many miles is the moon?"

Pat, a lusty son of old Erin, was right to a place on the force had not before been disputed, answered: "I don't know how many miles it is, but I know it is far enough away to be outside my beat, even when full."—New York Times.

**KEPT SECRET FOR FORTY YEARS**

pearance by the people with whom he lived. He was such a character that people were not much interested in that explanation was accepted.

Putting the two stories together was easy to surmise that perhaps 20 years ago there was a murder committed there and that the victim, a man who was of little consequence in the community, created no stir in his sudden disappearance.

Some time after these two stories came to the knowledge of a representative of the Herald, he accidentally today recently met the man who told the story of seeing the body near the old house and when interviewed the story-teller said: "That happened in the early fall of 1859. I was then and had been out to see us with a crowd of fellows, of whom were several years older than I was. They were all men and I was a kid. We were on our way home cut across that hollow, passing the old house. I never knew anything about Black Joe for I had been in that place only two or three days when this thing happened. I knew why the fellows did not want to say anything about what we saw. They explained what I did not know, that the man had a bad reputation and they did not want any one to know that they had been in that neighborhood. They agreed that nothing should be said about it. The day that I mentioned to A. G. Webber was the first day that I ever said a word to any one. All of the boys who were with me that night have been dead these 20 years, but so far as I know not one of them ever said anything about the foul sight that we saw that night. I know that it made a lasting impression upon my mind. I was not yet 15 years old and for weeks after that I did not close my eyes at night without seeing that bloody form for a while. Those companions of mine still living it was often a subject for comment among ourselves that we heard nothing about the fight which was supposed had occurred among the people living there, or among those who perhaps visited the place. They said that no explanation of the crime

there would be satisfactory was  
reason why we kept still about it."

**Ambiguous.**  
'Sometimes I think so hard  
makes me tired.'  
'How thoughtless.'—Cleveland  
Dealer.

**Deeds Recorded.**  
Eliza A. Ruby to Charles C. A.  
trong, the northhalf of lot 1 in  
4 in Durfee & King's addition to  
Catur.—\$2000.  
Alva L. Cantrall to D. C. Corley  
and 9 in W. J. Quinlan's first add  
to Decatur—\$500.

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This is Jackson's day.  
Hawaii is but a cable's length from the United States now.  
It is Speaker Miller now and ex-Speaker Sherman.  
Soon the Pacific cable will extend to Manila. The Philippines can then "sass" us like lightning.  
The Springfield papers have abused Mayor Phillips enough to secure his triumphant re-election.  
The next thing to be done now is to elect Albert J. Hopkins. It will be just as easy as to elect Miller.  
Just one week of the new year is gone and new year's resolutions appear almost anything but resolute.  
The administration forces planned with unerring accuracy. They claimed 50 votes for Miller. The vote was 49. The other one got away but they did not need him.  
Arthur Gallagher was busy at Springfield in organizing the house. Though a new member he has had much legislative experience and will early take rank among the influential ones.  
Has any one failed to note that your Uncle John A. Reeve landed again with both feet in the clerkship of the house of representatives? John rarely gets left. His Decatur friends are glad to witness his easy victory.  
If the democrats could bring themselves to draw in a little Jackson day inspiration on the necessity of sound money for the happiness and prosperity of a people "Old Hickory" would not have lived in vain.  
The Sherman men came into line and made the vote for Miller unanimous. This shows that they are good fighters and loyal republicans. They fight until they are licked and then lick the hand that smites them.  
His democratic colleagues showed their regard for James M. Gray in making him chairman of the caucus and allowing him to name the steering committee, of which he is himself a member. This makes Mr. Gray one of the floor leaders of the minority.  
Several years ago, Jan. 8, 1815, one Andrew Jackson shot red coats from behind cotton bales at New Orleans. The war had been over and a treaty of peace made weeks before but Jackson did not know it. There was no telegraph or ocean cable then. Intelligence went on crutches. Today it flies on the wings of the lightning.  
Miss Dora Meek of Central, Ill., has now passed the 100 day mark in her long and wonderful sleep. Last week she appeared to be near to death but the unfavorable symptoms have passed away and she is apparently well again. Only she is sleeping. This is one of the most singular cases in the world's history.  
Possibly Mr. Edwards has noticed that Mr. Gray whose seat he is after is a member of the steering committee and that he made up the rest of it. Mr. Edwards is not likely either to get into the present house except as an honored visitor or to draw any consolation fund as a gratuity from the house.  
McLean county rarely gets the hot end of the poker in a political bout. Representative Owen at the last moment got into Mr. Miller's red band wagon. Mr. Montellus remained with Sherman. Thus in any event there is one man from McLean loyal to the ruling forces. It is easier to get things when you are with the winners.  
**HOW THEY WORK UNCLE SAM.**  
Recent reports of the postoffice department shows interesting facts that do not strongly appear on the surface, but which the people should know, says the Quincy Whig. The great dailies of the country are not paid subsidies by

the government but big holes are made in the nation's revenues by the expenses attending special mail service for those publications. Mail trains are run at unusual hours of the night simply for the accommodation of the great dailies and at a loss to the government and the people. In some way the publications should be made to meet the deficiency instead of the government making it good, for the benefit of private enterprises, out of the pockets of the public.  
Some of these so-called mail trains make no way stops, carrying nothing but the editions of certain newspapers, many of which are printed far in advance of the hour for closing the press reports and dated ahead in order to deceive the readers.  
Such expenditures of funds in the postal department is one of the causes of delay in the extension of the free rural mail delivery system, and one-cent postage, which are of far greater value to the people generally than the expenditure of public money for private railroad carriers for newspapers whose date lines are an intended deception.  
Some of the Sunday metropolitan papers are printed at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and some earlier than that. They sometimes reach points a thousand miles distant from the point of publication on Sunday morning with a Sunday date line. They may be crowded with pictures and spreads on news a week old, but they can not possibly contain a live piece of news.  
The city dailies should pay the freight. The people of the country should not have it to pay. Some steps should be taken to prevent a deficiency that retards rural free delivery, although it has been found that rural delivery pays.  
Most of the congressmen come from rural districts. They and most of the senators are elected, not by the newspapers of the big cities, but by the masses of the people, most of whom do not live in great cities. This matter should receive their attention.

**DIFFERENT KINDS OF LAWYERS.**  
Under the caption of Modern Lawyers the Cosmopolitan says:  
"This brings us to the discussion of the three classes of lawyers known to modern life. The first stand high. They are men of marked mental caliber, practicing their profession honorably, preventing litigation whenever possible—conducting it, when necessary, in a straightforward way, and reflecting credit at all times on their profession.  
"The second is composed of the unfortunates, who, because of slight mental equipment, or lack of opportunity, or naturally low moral standards, have sunk to the point of using the law as a club with which to hold up the fortunate and the unfortunate of the men engaged in the business world.  
"The third class of lawyers is so new as scarcely to be generally known. But the developments of the past ten years have already produced many distinguished examples. This new division is that of the counselor who becomes connected with large business affairs. His first duty is to prevent litigation. In the second place, he familiarizes himself with every department, and keeps in touch with the officers and all of the company's affairs. Less technical in his training, and perhaps for that reason more capable of taking a bird's-eye view of the company's affairs than those more immediately interested, he becomes an efficient adviser in many directions. He familiarizes himself with questions of settlement which enter into the evolution of the business. Instead of being a clog upon the industry of others, he is himself a leader in the direction of highest economic development."

**MARK HANNA A POWER.**  
Decidedly a power in the senate, as he is everywhere he goes is Mark Hanna, says the Terre Haute Tribune. Oddly enough, Hanna is stronger now than he was a year or two ago. Then there was a little jealousy of him on account of his membership of the kitchen cabinet at the White House. The senate, remember, proceeds always upon the theory that it is supreme; and not even a president may dictate to it or seek to manipulate it through a back-stairs agent. With the change at the White House, Hanna stands on his own merits, and these—frankness, good humor, common sense, courage, and of late a power of expression which has made him almost an orator—have given him high rank. He is seen to be solar, not lunar. Now he has power and influence second to none in the senate; and this is because he is Mark Hanna, not on account of any one else. The man with dollar marks all over his ample person is dead, and in his place is the man who wears his heart on his sleeve

and has more personal friends than any other living American. He is now the most popular republican on the democratic side of the senate chamber, the majority senator who has the greatest influence with the men of the minority. One of the greatest triumphs ever won in congress was that which Hanna achieved with his Panama canal bill. When he began his campaign all but five senators favored Nicaragua, but when the roll was finally called he had a majority of eight.

**THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT.**  
Ever since the late reapportionment there has been a general feeling among republicans in this, the Nineteenth congressional district, that, so far as possible, the counties composing the district should stand together in state politics. Considering the fact that it is the largest district in the state it is good politics and good policy to do this, and this plan has been carried out in the late contest for speaker. Every member of the house from the district supported Miller for speaker and elected him. There were five of them: Gallagher, Swiger, Uppendahl, Rodman and Burkett. Early in the game it is understood these gentlemen agreed to stand together with the result above stated. The vote on speaker in the caucus was Sherman 38, Miller 49. Had the five men from this district gone for Sherman the vote would have been a tie not considering their influence which if exerted in connection with their votes would have made Sherman the successful man without doubt. Their votes and influence went to the support of Miller and the effect was to elect him.  
The organization no doubt appreciates the influence of this district in this contest and will undoubtedly extend fitting recognition of what its representatives have done.

**TOM REED'S WILL.**  
The last will and testament of the late Thomas B. Reed is characteristic of the man. It reads as follows:  
First—I devise to my father and mother, and to the survivor of them, the fee simple of the estate, which I have in the house on Brackett street, now occupied by my sister, and the house on Essex street occupied by them.  
Second—All the rest, residue and remainder of my property I bequeath and devise to my wife, Susan, absolutely, with directions that out of the income thereof she shall pay to my father and mother and to the survivor the sum of \$800 annually in equal half yearly payments. To my dear sister Kitty I make no devise or bequest, because it is best for all interests of the estate that her mother should have the property, and I have no fear that she will not be well treated in the end. I hereby also appoint my wife aforesaid executrix and direct that she shall not give bonds.  
The foregoing document is a model of conciseness. There is a bluntness and yet clearness in its every sentence which causes one to wonder why it is that all wills can not be constructed upon a similar plan, and the chances for unending litigation minimized. It is the experience and testimony of those whose judgment is worthy of respect that there is a fruitful field for reform in the realm of probate law. And there are but few communities which have not furnished their full quota of object lessons. Decatur is no exception.  
The legislature meets today.  
The next speaker will be Miller.  
The newspaper reader who does not like figures is having a statistical time of these days, speaking figuratively.  
The statement that Sunday school attendance falls off after Christmas is a slander on the little people so far as Decatur is concerned.  
The congressional grind started again on Monday. It looks like a gigantic effort to do nothing. The effort will probably succeed.  
It will be easy for future generations to ascertain that 1902 was a republican year. The commercial and industrial statistics will lessily show this fact.  
An exchange says that it would be a good idea for some member of congress to introduce a measure that shall put a stop to wholesale lynchings that are now the disgrace of this country. The people lynched are generally the poor and unfortunate, and in several cases lately it has been shown that they were innocent. Justice should not be left to the wild impulse of an ignorant mob, and every case where such outrages occur ought to be investigated and the perpetrators punished.  
The north is as much in fault as the south in this matter. These things are a disgrace to humanity and they ought to be sternly repressed. If the local governments are unable to do it then the strong arm of the central power ought to be invoked.  
The superintendent of the Chicago Bureau of Charities says that as prosperity increases the hardships of poverty increase proportionately. This is the last resort of the calamity howler. It is equivalent to saying the more food you possess the greater danger you are in of starvation. It is much like

the Irishman saying: "In my country you could buy a good pair of shoes for a shilling," to which a bystander replied: "Why didn't you buy them, Pat?" and Pat responded, "I couldn't get the shilling." Wages do not immediately respond in times of prosperity, but they do ultimately, and they are always certain and work is always to be had. In times of distress the necessities of life are low, but if there be no work then labor can not purchase them, no matter what the price. So there you are, and to say that the greater the prosperity the harder it is for the workingman is foolish. It isn't true.  
**"HOGS HAD RIZ IN 1900."**  
Solon Chase of Maine one of the old time and original greenbackers and famous for owning "them steers" has Bryan's second term down to very fine point. He says, "I voted for Bryan both times, but the last time I knew that there was no show for him, because there was not so much hog in the dollar. Hogs had riz in 1900." Solon says "when the greenback party had finished its work it went up the spout. There is one good thing about the greenback party—it knew enough to die." His political philosophy is now contained in this cheerful and optimistic statement: "What we want is more brotherly love in the human heart. I can see that the world is growing better. It is much better than it was when I was a boy. Every hundred years that go by sees the world growing better."

**JESSIE BENTON FREMONT.**  
The news that Jessie Benton Fremont has passed away recalls the stormy days before the civil war when this lady was a central figure in national politics, says the Star. She was the daughter of old Senator Benton of Missouri, that stout old democrat the friend of Jackson, the believer in hard money, and the bitter foe of the southern oligarchy. For thirty years Benton sat in the United States senate. That was before the days of corporations; no fat fees awaited the congressional manipulator, the expenses of living and of campaigning exhausted his meager salary, and while Miss Jessie was the confidant of her father, and was even in her teens a political power, acquainted with all the great forces of the nation, she could not even obtain a spoon of thread from the stores of Washington without the cash. Then followed her romantic marriage to John C. Fremont, who took her out of the kitchen window in her father's house and ran away with and married her. She was the inspiration of Fremont's life and career, and in the early days of the war when Fremont's friends fondly hoped that he would be the great military genius of the struggle, she lived with him in camp, and helped him plan his campaign. When Fremont was unequal to the task imposed upon him, she took up the pen in his behalf and defended his policy and conduct with such matchless force that she rescued him not only from the assaults of his enemies, but from the consequences that ought to have followed his own stupidity. This vigor of mind and literary ability she maintained to the last. Her last days were filled with sickness and trouble, for she fell and crushed her hip, and for months has been a hopeless invalid under the care of a trained nurse, but the brilliant and beautiful woman occupies a prominent place in American history.

**THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.**  
**A Park Suggestion.**  
The people of the city of Decatur and Macon county are all deeply interested in Fairlawn Park and should take a deep interest in the same. In order to agitate the idea I will suggest to the people of the city of Decatur and of Macon county that the ten thousand dollars they require of the city for the purchase of Fairlawn Park, be given as a donation to the city to improve Fairlawn in some manner which will be the most desirable to all concerned. The board of supervisors could suggest the manner in which the city should appropriate the money. I would suggest that the money be appropriated for the erection of a monument in the park for the soldiers, sailors and men who served the government in the late war in any capacity whatever, whether as soldiers, sailors, engineers, mechanics, or laborers doing duty for the government from Macon county, that the names of all such be inscribed on the monument. And that a committee be appointed to get all their names and have them inscribed on the monument. If this idea is not agreeable to the board of supervisors then I think it would be advisable for them to state to the city of Decatur the manner in which the money should be appropriated to improve said park.  
You all are aware that the people of Macon county as well as of Decatur can have the whole benefit of Fairlawn park in any manner in which the money can be designated to be used, whether it is in landscapes, floral decorations, recreation hall and other suitable conveniences for the welfare and enjoyment of the people.  
Captain Kanan and others as well as myself were the prime movers in trying to get this park from the county for the benefit of both the city and the county and I think it is no more than right and justice to all men under the circumstances that he (Captain Kanan) should be named as chairman of the board of park commissioners by the city and county as long as he lives for he is surely worthy of the consideration for his honor and gratitude, honesty and integrity as a servant of the people of Decatur and Macon county.  
P. H. HUNT.

**PRIMARY LAW IS VALID.**  
Attorney General Hamlin made a denial last evening of the statement credited to Senator Scoble that there is no primary election law on the statute books of Illinois. The attorney general is now investigating the primary election laws of the state and will have an opinion on the subject to submit within a few days.  
While Attorney General Hamlin was in Chicago recently, investigating the coal famine, one of his assistants furnished an opinion to the county clerk of Peoria county, in which it was held that the primary election law of 1901, the last one passed, repealed the law of 1880 on the same subject, which had been adopted by several counties in the state.  
When Attorney General Hamlin came home and inquired into the subject he differed from his assistant and he sent requests to Peoria and McLean counties to which places the opinion of his assistant had been sent, requesting that the opinion be returned to the office. He is now conducting a further inquiry into the subject before sending out a revised opinion.  
Attorney General Hamlin states, however, that he has instructed the chairman of the republican county committee of McLean county that the committee may proceed under the law of 1880, to call a judicial primary election, and he says there can be no doubt as to the legality of a call issued under this law.

**HAMLIN WILL BRING SUIT.**  
Has Enough Evidence to Justify Prosecution of Coal Conspirators.  
Attorney General Hamlin has returned Chicago to promote his investigations into the coal situation in the state and particularly in that city. The men who are gathering data for the attorney general have been at work for the last week. The quarries have been computed along the lines of the Illinois Central, the Chicago & Alton and the Wabash railroads. These enterprises have spent much of their time in the coal fields of the state, gathering information from operators and miners and from the railroad men having direct charge of the handling of the coal for shipment. Following the policy adopted by the attorney general Hamlin is not making public any of the evidence he has obtained. It is understood, however, that he has not secured sufficient information of an incriminating character to warrant his proceeding against any of the railroads or other big concerns of the state for violating the anti-trust laws. It is still possible, however, that when his investigators reach the city they will have sufficient additional information to lay a ready hand to induce him to seek a remedy for the existing evil through this channel.

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**Funeral of Mrs. Corbett.**  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Corbett, wife of J. W. Corbett, of Niantic was held Wednesday morning from the M. E. church in that town and the burial was in Long Point cemetery. Rev. Mr. Combs conducted the services. Mrs. Corbett was a native of Pennsylvania. She was taken ill last Friday, although she had been in feeble health for a long time. She is survived by her husband who is dangerously ill and four children. They are: M. C. Corbett, Mrs. Katie Null, Misses Susie and Jennie Corbett, M. L. Ryan of St. Paul is her only living brother and Mrs. J. Gross, wife of Niantic's postmaster, her only living sister.  
**Charges Cruelty.**  
In the circuit court Wednesday Josephine Houlihan filed a plea asking for a divorce from Patrick Houlihan. The couple were married in September, 1895, and she left him in September, 1902. She says that she left him because of his cruel and inhuman treatment and cites a number of times when she was beaten by her liege lord.  
**Elgin Minister Dead.**  
Elgin, Ill., Jan. 7.—Rev. L. D. Kammerling died of apoplexy. He was for years a pastor of the Evangelical association in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. He was 65 years old.  
**Reck Island, Ill., Jan. 7.**—Richard Mansell died here of Bright's disease. He was 74 years old. He was the author of a number of well known scientific works and had published annually since 1876 "Mansell's Almanac of Planetary Meteorology."

**Deeds Recorded.**  
Josephine Mayall to Mary Dennison, lots 1 and 4 in block 1 in Merchants' addition to Argenta; \$1500.  
James J. Finn to Daniel S. Weigel, master's deed to the east half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16, township 17, range 2 east; \$2100.  
Wm. G. McNeil to Martha McCune Shields, 33 feet off of the south side of lot 6 in block 1 in Durfee & King's addition to Decatur; \$2800.  
**Marriage Licenses.**  
Dorsey A. Hanger, Decatur .....25  
Anna A. Q. Morton, Decatur .....32  
Harmie Vandeventer, Moweaqua .....21  
Lillie Lockhart, Cowden .....19  
Adam Semelka, Decatur .....20  
Minnie Grobowski, Decatur .....19  
Robt. G. Stewart, Oreauna .....Legal  
Mary A. Shank, Decatur .....Legal  
Charles Aftertite, Boody .....18  
Ross E. Taylor, Boody .....19  
Peoria, Ill., Jan. 7.—In his annual report which was presented to the city council this evening, Dr. L. A. McFadden, the health officer, made a number of poignant recommendations. He gave the number of deaths last year at 745, an increase of only one over the preceding year. Based on a population of 70,000, the death rate was 10.6.

**GOV. YATES.**  
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**GOV. RICHARD YATES.**  
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**A Merit System, by Statute.**  
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**The Illinois National Guard.**  
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Smith, in his recent biennial  
with a view to increasing the  
of the national guard.







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## THE HARRIS CASE A JUGULAR SPIRIT BEGINS CRUSADE

A Bitterly Contested Divorce Case Will Be Called in the Circuit Court Today.

THE WIFE IS THE DEFENDANT, BUT HAD A RIGHT TO BE DEAD

The Well Digging Case Will Be Continued Today.

In the circuit court some time today there will be a hearing in the case of George K. Harris vs. Margaret Harris, plea for a divorce. There was a motion yesterday by the defense for a bill of particulars, but that was overruled by the court.

There has been some fight in this case than in any divorce proceedings ever heard in Macon county. Some months ago Mrs. Harris filed a bill asking that she be permitted to live apart from her husband and that he be compelled to support her. Judge Vail heard the stories of the contending parties and granted the plea of the wife. Harris appealed the case and it is now pending in the higher court. At the same time he filed a bill asking for a decree of divorce, charging his wife with infidelity. It is on this bill that the suit will be heard today if the case at bar is out of the way in time.

**The Well Digging Case**  
The time of the court on Tuesday was devoted to the case of Witty et al. vs. Starnbach, an appeal. The case is pending in the circuit court, the defense having nearly completed their side of the case.

**Law.**  
Andrew Henderson vs. T. B. Downum et al., appeal, appeal. Suit dismissed by the plaintiff.

**Chancery.**  
Bertha E. Nichols vs. John E. Nichols, divorce. Bill on defendant to answer amended bill by first day of next term.

**C. K. Harris vs. Margaret Harris,** divorce. Bill on defendant for bill of particulars overruled.

**CIRCUIT NOW COMPLETE**

Franchise Has Been Awarded to Joel League Meeting at Rock Island on 14th.

**HINES SIGNS WITH DAVENPORT.**

Joel is now a part of the Three-I baseball league for the forthcoming season, the remaining franchise having been awarded that city Saturday by President M. H. Sexton.

As is known, the other franchise was placed in Dubuque. The league is thus composed of Rock Island, Joliet, Rockford, Decatur and Bloomington, Ill., and Davenport, Dubuque and Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The two towns admitted to the league are big enough to give splendid support to a baseball team. The men behind the organizations in those towns have the means and enthusiasm and say the public will do its part when the season opens.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Three-I league has been called by President Sexton for Jan. 14 at the Harper house in this city. At that time the action of the president in awarding the franchises to Dubuque and Joliet will be considered and the election of officers will take place.

President Sexton reported this afternoon at the circuit court room for a week's jury duty—Rock Island Argus.

The Central league of which Terre Haute is a member will meet at Indianapolis on Jan. 15. The make-up of the league is still somewhat problematical. Terre Haute, Evansville, Ft. Wayne, Marion and Davenport have been awarded franchises and three other cities will be selected at the Indianapolis meeting. Grand Rapids appears to have backed out and the cities which are likely to receive the remaining three franchises are Lexington, Ky., Springfield, O., and South Bend, Ind.

Hunkly Hines, captain of Rockford's last year team, will manage Davenport this year.

**SMALLPOX NEAR NIANTIC.**

Several Cases Are Found By State Health Inspector.

E. S. Baker of Jacksonville, Inspector for the state board of health, has reported to the department that a number of cases of smallpox exist in Christian and Macon counties.

Doctor Baker was sent to Niantic Saturday at the request of Doctor Porter of that place, and he found a number of cases of the disease in that vicinity. He also found several cases in Mosquito township in Christian county.

On Sunday, accompanied by Doctor Bowers of Decatur Doctor Baker conducted an investigation at Deoddy, where a number of suspicious cases had been diagnosed by a local physician as chicken pox. Doctor Baker pronounced all of the cases smallpox.

Necessary precautions have been taken at all points and the local health authorities will assume control of the situation.

**REV. BURNHAM AT DANVILLE.**

Is Delivering a Series of Lectures on Life of Christ.

Rev. W. P. Burnham, pastor of the Central Church at Christ, of this city is in Danville this week where he will deliver a series of lectures on "The Life of Christ" at the First Christian church at Danville. Rev. John Street, who is in charge of that church is a progressive minister and instead of the usual revival services has arranged for a series of lectures by prominent ministers of the Christian church. Rev. Burnham will remain in Danville over next Sunday and Rev. Street will fill the pulpit of the Central church of this city.

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Teachers Will Make Effort to Break Up Cigarette Habit Among the Boys.

THE PRACTICE IS COMMON.

For He Had Been Missing For More Than Twenty-Two Years.

Recent developments in Decatur tend to show that even in the spirit world there are jokers and that a medium in this city was unconsciously utilized by one local spirit, turning the other in search of unsuspecting and unsophisticated mediums upon whom to practice his wiles.

More than twenty years ago Wm. Pickens of Cairo, Gorio disappeared from his home and all trace of him was lost. At first the supposition was that his going away was merely the whim of a boy, the son of only sixteen years old, and that when cold weather came on he would return to his native hearth. But winter came and spring time followed and the spirit came back. Neither did he write or send any message of his whereabouts or what he was doing. Another year rolled around and then another and another until twenty-two years had passed and no word had come from Pickens.

The Well Digging Case

By Cairo, Gorio, except in his immediate family, he was forgotten. Before he left home his parents had died and in the meantime his sisters married and in turn their daughters married and still there was no news of Bill.

His sisters had not forgotten him in all of these years and one of them, then living in Decatur, had been a spiritualistic medium in an endeavor to learn something of the missing boy. The medium was agreeable to the effort and communicated with an spirit world. After some of the spirits had telephoned around awhile (with wireless and exchangeable phones) she learned so the spirit of the dead. In a properly subdued voice the medium communicated this information to the sister. It had long been since Bill had hiked from Cairo Gorio that the sister had not yet the thoroughly diagnosed her feelings as to how many years had passed since she was asked if she would like to communicate with the spirit of her brother, the sister assented and the medium again did the trance act to see what Bill thought about. That was Bill's day off according to the message that came back and he said that he would not only communicate with his sister but would shake hands with her. He said too, that it was a good thing that she had come today because he was going fishing tomorrow and would not have been home when she knocked.

When the medium had all of the things arranged Bill put his hand from behind a curtain and shook hands with his sister. Of course he was happy. Spirits always are happy and Bill was no exception to the rule.

The sister was so glad and so was the medium who had earned her fee.

But now the fact develops that some fellow in the spirit world put up a job on the sister, for Bill Pickens is not only dead but is in Decatur working every day.

Of course no one suspects that it was not a spirit who shook hands with the sister and likewise was not a dream of denying that it was anything but a spirit that communicated with her. The medium was merely imposed upon by that spirit. This was all the exchange on the "other side" and asked if Bill Pickens was there and if he had a phone and the exchange would be made. The medium told that it was not true. She was merely the victim of a mischievous spirit.

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**THE TAX BOOKS**

Will Be Delivered to Collectors Last Week in January.

The tax collector sought to have their books now but they will not get them before the last week in this month. County Clerk Dodd has just sent the collectors notice to this effect. The collectors will not get their books until the last week of January.

The result of this delay is too greatly to the credit of the clerks of the counties throughout the state. It has necessitated Mr. Dodd employing an extra lot of men and they work from 8 o'clock in the morning until midnight in order to get the books out at the time announced. The clerical force is composed of C. E. Patterson, James Carter, Al Martin, Ed Henson, Tom Hardy and Earle Dodd. They are all experts.

The fact that the books will be delayed in delivery does not mean that there will be an extension of the time in which to pay taxes. All claims of this kind must be settled by the first of March. Instead of having two months in which to do the work the collectors will have but one but one of them will be sure that this does not make any difference for the great majority of the people will not pay before the last month under any circumstances.

**ANNA B. MILLIKIN BOARD**

Committee Will Nominate Officers To Be Voted on Next Monday.

The board of directors of the Anna B. Millikin Home held their regular home of Mrs. I. A. Buchanan's. There was a good attendance and a nominating committee was appointed to receive a list of officers at the next meeting. The report for the month shows the following:

Six children were received at the home, three from the family. One baby was brought to the home to be cared for and was placed in a private home in the city.

There are at present 17 children in the institution and about as many old ladies.

**Death At Orleans.**  
Grandma Stewart died early Wednesday morning at her home in Orleans. She had been ill a long time with dropsy and her death was not unexpected.

## REMEMBERS THE POOR.

Overseer Weigand Gets Consignment From Mt. Zion—No Agency.

J. W. Weigand, overseer of the poor on Tuesday received a consignment of shoes and stockings from George B. Spittel, the well known merchant of Mt. Zion. The goods were new and in first class shape and will be distributed among the needy poor of the city in accordance with the desire of the donor.

There is a bigger demand on the overseer of the poor for coal just now than at any time in a number of weeks past. This is due to the cold weather. Overseer Weigand is not running an employment agency as stated in an evening paper. He suggests that any one needing men for odd jobs leave their names and numbers with him and that he may possibly be able to supply their wants. There is scarcely a day that men do not call on him who express a willingness to work.

**Lots of Corn.**  
The grain buyers at the country stations report that a great deal of corn is coming to market since the weather got colder and the roads better.

**Boys are Sober.**  
A deficiency of boys in the fifth hour American History class caused an indefinite postponement of a debate on Tuesday. The debate was to have been between the 2nd and 5th hour classes. In the challenge it was said that the teachers should choose all boys or all girls and there was only one boy in the fifth hour class and when the vacation time was over he did not return to the class. As a result the debate has been set aside.

**Advanced Class.**  
Miss Mary Clark, supervisor of music in the school will today organize the advanced class of singing in the high school. Miss Clark will call a meeting of the class and the best singers will be selected and placed in a class. This class will be given special attention and will sing at the Farmers' Institute next month. The book for the class will be of the "Silver Song Series."

**Mosquitoes.**  
Miss Edna Fustenberg entertained quite a number of the young folks Sunday in honor of her birthday.

J. R. Scott and family visited with Frank Roberts near Niantic Sunday. Tom Cramer, Charley Bramble and Ed Barnett delivered corn at Osbornville this week.

Mrs. Robt Hemstead visited Mrs. John Hemstead, who is sick, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Fustenberg and Mrs. Bramble visited with Howard McVey New Year's.

Henry Brown was quarantined this week for smallpox.

Henry Powell visited with John Cottle, per acre, \$90.

Willis Cross purchased a fine team of horses this week.

A case of scarlet fever is reported at Ed Wilson's.

Mrs. Irvy Cross visited with Cooper Cross today.

The rain has stopped corn shelling. Mrs. Russell, who has been visiting her father, Mr. Thomas Bottrell, returned to her home south of Blue Mound, making inquiry about members of his family. Chief Sullivan hunted up the information that Pickens wanted and answered the letter.

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Comforting, Soothing,  
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Nothing So Good!

The price paid is 25 cents. The only trouble of the dealers now is their inability to get cars to ship the grain.

**E. W. Grove**  
This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Sold in Decatur by F. W. Sweeney, Jr., Call for Free Sample.

The exclusive designs and thorough workmanship of our splendidly equipped Dressmaking Department are unsurpassed, and are in every respect in full accord with the "High-Grade, Low-Price" policy upon which the success of this great store is founded

## LINN &amp; SCRUGGS Co.

## Annual Sale of Household Linens



Monday morning we shall begin that great annual sale of Household Linens to which the housewives of Decatur and vicinity have learned to look forward, and shall display for your approval the most complete assortment we have ever shown. With the experience of thirty-five years of successful merchandising to guide us, we have made the preparations for this great sale with a full knowledge of the requirements of our thousands of patrons, and having gone into the market at a time when business with the weavers was light have been able to secure every concession in price; the benefits of which, in accordance with our invariable custom, we shall be glad to share with our patrons. An early visit to our linen section before the lines are broken, is earnestly advised. Note these bargains:

**TABLE DAMASKS**—68 inch Bleached Damask in five beautiful patterns of spot and floral designs. A regular 68c quality for per yard... **47c**

60 inch pure linen German Damask, bleached, in spot, dice and floral designs. An elegant very heavy cloth worth 70c... **53c**

70 inch all pure linen Bleached Irish Damask in five beautiful and exclusive patterns, one of the handsomest 75c values ever shown in Decatur. Linen sale price per yard... **60c**

68 inch pure linen Bleached Damask in 5 exclusive patterns. An exceptional 85c grade of Irish Damask, and a choice bargain at the Linen sale... **65c**

72 inch Irish all linen Damask, extra heavy, full bleached, spot and floral patterns, never sold at less than \$1.10. This sale... **85c**

72 inch pure Irish Linen Damask, beautiful finish, fine and heavy. An excellent wearing cloth at the regular price of per yard... **97c**

68 inch Bleached Linen Dine Damask, especially good for hotels and restaurants. It launders well and is a splendid cloth for wear. Sells regularly at 75c, but for this sale the price is per yard... **58c**

Napkins to match at per dozen... **85c**

Very fine 72 inch all-linen Bleached Irish Damask in beautiful exclusive designs, an exceptional value which was usually sold at \$1.75. per yard this sale... **\$1.45**

68 inch Cream Damask, a regular 35c value for per yard... **25c**

68 inch Cream Damask with fast red border, an extra 50c value for per yard... **38c**

72 inch Cream Bleached Damask, a regular 65c value in beautiful patterns, per yard... **48c**

Elegant heavy, 72 inch Cream Bleached Damask in beautiful patterns; a regular 65c value for per yard... **48c**

Very heavy and elegant 72 inch all-linen Cream Bleached German Damask in handsome patterns, a grade that we have always sold at \$1.00 per yard. This sale per yard... **73c**

72 inch all-linen Cream Irish Damask, extra heavy good wearing cloth not usually sold at less than \$1.25. Per yard this sale... **92c**

58 inch Turkey Red Damask worth 35c for 27c; worth 40c for 30c; worth 60c for per yard... **45c**

60 inch Turkey Red Damask worth 75c for per yard... **60c**

60 inch Turkey Red and Green Damask worth 95c for per yard... **80c**

Turkey Red Pattern Cloths worth \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.75, and \$1.50, for each \$2.10, \$1.70, \$1.40 and... **\$1**

**NAPKINS**—We have Napkins to match nearly all our piece Damasks and shall sell them during this great reduced price sale at proportionately low prices. For instance:

Elegant all-linen Damask Napkins, the kind we usually sell for \$1.75 per dozen, this sale only \$1.35; \$1.50 grade for \$1.20, \$2.00 grade for \$1.50; \$2.25 grade for \$1.87; \$3.00 grade for \$2.40; and the higher priced goods at proportionate reductions.

**PATTERN CLOTHS**—Silver bleached German Pattern Cloths, hemmed ready for use. 2 and 3 yards long, worth 1.50 and \$2.25. Price each for this sale \$1.00 and... **\$1.50**

8-4 by 10-4 all-linen Pattern Damask Cloths, worth regularly \$2.50 for each... **\$2**

2-2 1-2 and 3-yard all-linen Hemstitched Damask Cloths in handsome designs, worth \$2.75, \$3.15 and \$2.50, at each \$3.00, \$3.50 and... **\$2**

2 by 2 yards, 2 by 2 1-2 yards and 2 by 3 yards, fine Scotch and Irish Salin Damask Pattern Cloths, 10 to 16 beautiful patterns which have been priced regularly at \$3.75, \$3.25, and \$2.75... **\$2.10**

Fine Irish and Scotch Damask Pattern Cloths in 2 by 3 yards, 2 by 2 1-2 yards, and 2 by 3 yards, an elegant assortment of patterns worth regularly \$4.50, \$4.00 and \$3.50, for each \$3.87, \$3.35 and... **\$2.85**

20 inch and 24 inch Napkins to match at per dozen \$3.40 and... **\$2.50**

Irish Damask Pattern Cloths in very handsome and exclusive designs selling regularly for \$5.00, \$4.25 and \$3.50, at each \$4.25, \$3.50 and... **\$2.75**

\$4.50 Napkins to match at per dozen... **\$3.50**

Elegant hemstitched and drawn work Table Cloth with dozen Napkins to match, a splendid wedding or other present, and worth regularly \$20.00, \$18.00 and \$15.00, will be sold during this sale at per set \$17.50, \$15.00 and... **\$13**

**TOWELS**—An elegant and comprehensive line of Hand Towels priced regularly at 75c, 40c, 30c, 25c, 20c, 1